

REMARKS

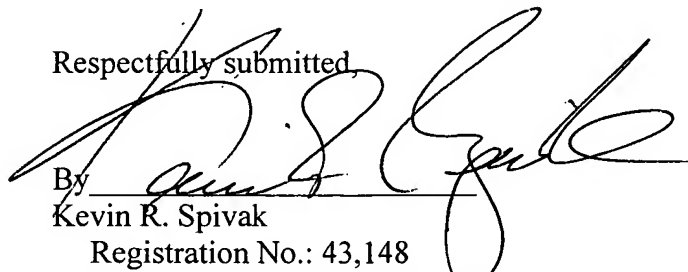
Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 11-14 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as unpatentable over claims 1-11 and 13-15 of copending Application No. 10/753,075; and claims 7 and 10 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as unpatentable over claims 1-11 and 13-14 of copending Application No. 10/753,075.

As no further issues remain in this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass either this or copending application 10/753,075 to allowance, per MPEP 804(I)(B). Upon allowance of either application, a terminal disclaimer will be filed in the remaining, pending application.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 543822003200. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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